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SUMMARY: Sener, along with the State Society of Industrial Interests (SEPI) through its affiliate ITP, and Gamesa – controlled by the IBV Corporation (a partnership between BBVA - one of the leading banks in Spain and Iberdrola - one of the top electrical firms) has created the biggest Spanish aeronautic company. Sener and Gamesa have agreed to integrate ITP (Turbo-propulsor Industry) into a new corporate entity, known initially as NewCo. **END SUMMARY**

This new corporation will pursue civilian and military aviation engine and airframe business opportunities. It is expected that the civilian side will represent approximately 80% of the business and the military will account for the remaining 20%. Sales revenues are projected at around \$640 million. The three main shareholders have stated their intention to have NewCo listed on the Spanish Stock Exchange. With this new business unit, the shareholders expect to increase their own profits, reduce costs and risks, increase the effectiveness of R&D expenditures, and gain an edge on new global contracts.

Gamesa and ITP, headquartered in Alava and Vizcaya respectively, are complementary in that Gamesa produces airframes and related components and ITP, with earnings of approximately 370 million dollars last year, manufactures aircraft engines. Gamesa will receive 59% of NewCo and ITP (through its Turbo 2000 holding) will receive the remaining 41%, which will be divided equally between its SEPI and Sener shareholders. With this bold move, Gamesa Group President Alfonso Bassagioti is accelerating the separation of his aeronautic division from the group's energy investments.

Currently Gamesa and ITP are engaged in leading international programs, such as Eurofighter and Motor Trent 5000 to name two. Both companies have Airbus, Embraer, Bombardier, Sikorsky and Rolls Royce as strategic alliance

partners and customers. The EU is currently examining a recent 25 million dollar "assistance" program provided by the Basque Autonomous Government to Gamesa to determine if the funds were made available consistent with EU directives.

U.S. companies in the aerospace business interested in the Spanish market should contact the U.S. Commercial Service for additional information.

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